

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 and 33 are pending in this application. Claims 1 – 7, 21, 22, 26 - 32 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 34 and 35 have been added and Claim 23 has been amended. These amendments add no new matter to the application. Applicants suggest that the presently pending Claims are in order for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 21, and 28-29 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,752,172 to Matero, (hereinafter “Matero”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0198261 to Xiong, (hereinafter “Xiong”).

Applicants respectfully traverse to the extent that the rejection is applicable to the claims as now presented.

Allowable Subject Matter

Thank you for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8-20, 24, 25 and 33.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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